

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF FREDERICK COUNTY  
MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, October 20, 2015**

Council Members Bud Otis, President; M.C. Keegan-Ayer, Vice-President; Tony Chmelik, Treasurer; Kirby Delauter, Jerry Donald, Jessica Fitzwater, and Billy Shreve were present for the meeting.

Also present were Ragen Cherney, Council Chief of Staff; Michael Chomel, County Attorney's Office; and Patti Morrow, Recording Secretary.

Council President Otis called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. in the first floor hearing room, Winchester Hall, 12 East Church Street, Frederick, Maryland.

The meeting began with a moment of silence followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

*Council Member Keegan-Ayer moved to approve the agenda as presented. Council Member Donald seconded the motion that passed 6-0-1 with Council Member Shreve abstained.*

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 - Donald	X		
District 2 - Chmelik	X		
District 3 - Keegan-Ayer	X		
District 4 - Fitzwater	X		
District 5 - Delauter	X		
At-large - Otis			
At-large - Shreve			X
Presiding Officer - Otis	X		

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The following items were considered on the consent agenda:

- #BT-16-080 – Frederick County Public Libraries
- #BT-16-082 – Family Partnership, Citizens Services Division
- #BT-16-083 – Emergency Management Division and #BT-16-084 – Sheriff's Office
- #BT-16-087 – Parks and Recreation Division
- #BT-16-088 – Fire and Rescue Services Division
- #BT-16-089 – Public Works Division
- #BT-16-090 – Sheriff's Office
- #BT-16-091 – Housing and Community Development, Citizens Services Division

*Council Member Keegan-Ayer moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Council Member Fitzwater seconded the motion that passed 6-0-1 with Council Member Shreve abstained.*

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District 2 - Chmelik	X		
District 3 - Keegan-Ayer	X		
District 4 - Fitzwater	X		
District 5 - Delauter	X		
At-large - Otis			
At-large - Shreve			X
Presiding Officer - Otis	X		

**Public Comments**

- John Gretz

**Council Comments**

Comments were provided by the Council Members Otis, Chmelik, Donald, Fitzwater, and Shreve.

*Council Member Chmelik moved to suspend the Rules of Procedure in order to make a motion regarding Bill No. 15-09 - Establishing a Commercial and Industrial Business Tax Credit. Council Member Shreve seconded the motion that passed 7-0.*

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 - Donald	X		
District 2 - Chmelik	X		
District 3 - Keegan-Ayer	X		
District 4 - Fitzwater	X		
District 5 - Delauter	X		
At-large - Otis			
At-large - Shreve	X		
Presiding Officer - Otis	X		

*Council Member Chmelik moved to direct staff to draft a tax bill that would contain additional provisions not addressed in Bill No. 15-09. Council Member Shreve seconded the motion that passed 7-0.*

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At-large - Otis			
At-large - Shreve	X		
Presiding Officer - Otis	X		

**To Receive Comment Concerning Medical Cannabis in the Agricultural Zoning District**

Public comments were heard from:

- Thomas Mullineaux, Agriculture Business Council
- Tenzm Tashi
- Kevin Klink
- David Severn, Esquire, Offit Kurman
- Chad Tyler
- Rahsaan Peak
- Dawn Merrill
- Eric Besch
- Derric Atzrott
- Sheriff Chuck Jenkins
- Charles Brault, President, Frederick County Farm Bureau
- Christine Demas, Agriculture Business Council
- Elizabeth Tate Winters

No action was taken by the Council.

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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Bud Otis, President  
County Council